
SENATE BILL 6056

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By Senators Clements, Rasmussen, Shin, Schoesler, Roach, Berkey and Holmquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to evaluating the use of sugar beets for production
2 of biofuel; creating new sections; and making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that sugar beets were
5 a major crop grown in Washington state for a number of years. The
6 legislature finds that sugar beets have a significant potential to be
7 used to produce biofuels, may be capable of producing more gallons of
8 biofuel per acre than other crops grown as feedstock for biofuel
9 production, and that such production could create significant
10 opportunities for rural economic development. The purpose of this act
11 is to provide funds for a study of economic and agronomic potential and
12 suitability of growing sugar beets for biofuel production in the state.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington State University
14 agricultural research center for bioproducts and bioenergy shall
15 conduct a study that includes the potential and suitability of growing
16 sugar beets for biofuel production that evaluates the following
17 factors:

- 1 (a) Current and potential availability of sugar beet feedstock
2 sources in the state;
- 3 (b) Suitability of growing conditions in various regions of the
4 state;
- 5 (c) Expected fuel yield per acre, in relation to other potential
6 biofuel feedstocks;
- 7 (d) Technological feasibility of converting sugar beets into fuel;
- 8 (e) Economic feasibility of growing sugar beets for production of
9 biofuel;
- 10 (f) A description of the infrastructure needed including processing
11 plants and machinery;
- 12 (g) The opportunity to produce coproducts and by-products such as
13 an alternative feed source for livestock; and
- 14 (h) Potential contributions to rural economic development.
- 15 (2) By December 1, 2009, the Washington State University
16 agricultural research center for bioproducts and bioenergy shall
17 provide a written report to the chief clerk of the house of
18 representatives and to the secretary of the senate containing the
19 findings and conclusions of its study.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of one hundred twenty-five
21 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
22 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general
23 fund to the Washington State University agricultural research center
24 for bioproducts and bioenergy for the purposes of this act.

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